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(short-eared owl)

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History surrounds us, especially in this year marking Montana's 100 years of statehood. Reminders of the state's anniversary run the gamut—from posters and mugs, to songs and special events. Because of the beauty between these covers, this special photo issue of *Montana Outdoors* is something of a special event itself. But this year's photos share the spotlight with thought-provoking quotes from some of Montana's Territorial and State governors.

When you read their words, you'll be struck by the farsightedness of our chief executives; in 1909, Governor Edwin L. Norris proposed an inventory of the state's natural resources to "prevent the unnecessary and wasteful use of the past and present." You'll be surprised at the early recognition of the importance of Montana's natural beauty and its wildlife; in 1881, Territorial Governor Benjamin F. Potts suggested "additional legislation" for the protection of game in the Territory. You'll also discover that history really *does* repeat itself—delivered in 1886, Territorial Governor Samuel T. Hauser's remarks about drought, its effects on agriculture and natural grasses, and the ensuing forest fires could have been written six months ago.

As you page through this photo tribute to Montana's outdoors, join me in a tantalizing look at the lessons history has to teach as well.

Stan Stephens
Governor



Autumn aspen: Conrad Rowe



"...It is now only a little more than two years since gold was first discovered here and less than six months since our Territorial organization, and now we rival the oldest of our sister Territories in population and inferior to none in future promise when we take into consideration the distance we are from the settled portions of our Country, the large stretch of desert and mountain which intervenes, the growth of this Territory appears indeed marvelous and speaks well for the energy and enterprise of our people...."

**Governor Sidney Edgerton
Message to the Council and House
of Representatives,
Montana Territory
December 19, 1864**



Garden Wall, Glacier National Park (top): Diane Ensign

Early autumn near Missoula. Diane Ensign



"I respectfully suggest the propriety of additional legislation for the protection of game in the Territory. In many parts of the Territory deer, antelope and elk are openly killed for the hides only, and no part of the carcass used for food. If this wholesale slaughter is to continue, the game of the Territory will soon be exhausted. It is recommended that the law be amended so as to prohibit, under severe penalties, the killing of elk, deer or antelope, except for food...."

Governor Benjamin F. Potts
Message to the Legislative Assembly,
Montana Territory
January 10, 1881



Pronghorn: Rodney Schlecht
Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Area: Tim Egan





Frosted web: Keith Szafranski



Western big-eared bat: Kristi DuBois
Calf elk: Rodney Schlecht





Hudson Bay Divide, near St. Mary: Joyce Clarke Turvey

"Drought and Its Effects—Many interests have suffered greatly. Agriculture has been almost a failure; certainly not over half a crop has been raised....

"But the most serious of all losses, the full extent of which it is impossible as yet to estimate, is that of our natural grasses....

"Another loss that has been greatly increased this year by the extended drought is the fearful destruction of our mountain forests by fire...."

**Governor Samuel T. Hauser
Report of the Governor
of Montana Territory
to the Secretary of the Interior
September 27, 1886**

"Connected with the subject of tilling the soil, there is one other important interest, full of value to the people, namely, the timber, fish and game. This territory is rich beyond the computation of figures in these God-given blessings and supplies, and a wise statesmanship should guard with the greatest vigilance against their destruction. I have reason to believe the laws already on the statute book upon these subjects are violated in every county in the territory, and within the last two years great injury to the wealth of the country has been inflicted. I charge you to scrutinize well these laws, and to tighten the bands against this reckless waste and destruction."

**Governor Preston H. Leslie
Message to the Council and House
of Representatives,
Montana Territory
January 14, 1889**



White-tailed deer: Kristi DuBois

Whitetail doe with fawns: Rodney Schlecht



"As winter disappears and the earth puts on its summer robes of grass and flowers, the season reminds us that it is our duty to ourselves and to posterity that we shall as far as in our power lies assist nature to make more beautiful our homes, public grounds, and ways. The cultivation of trees, vines, and shrubs tends to enrich our soil and keep it moist, and at the same time it relieves the landscape from the glare of the summer's sun. In addition to the advantages thus given to the physical aspect of the state, a higher sense of the artistic and beautiful is thus begotten in our people and that proper spirit of pride in our houses and cities and our state is encouraged and fostered."

Governor Robert Burns Smith
Arbor Day Proclamation
April 13, 1899



Small round-leaved orchis: Maria Ash

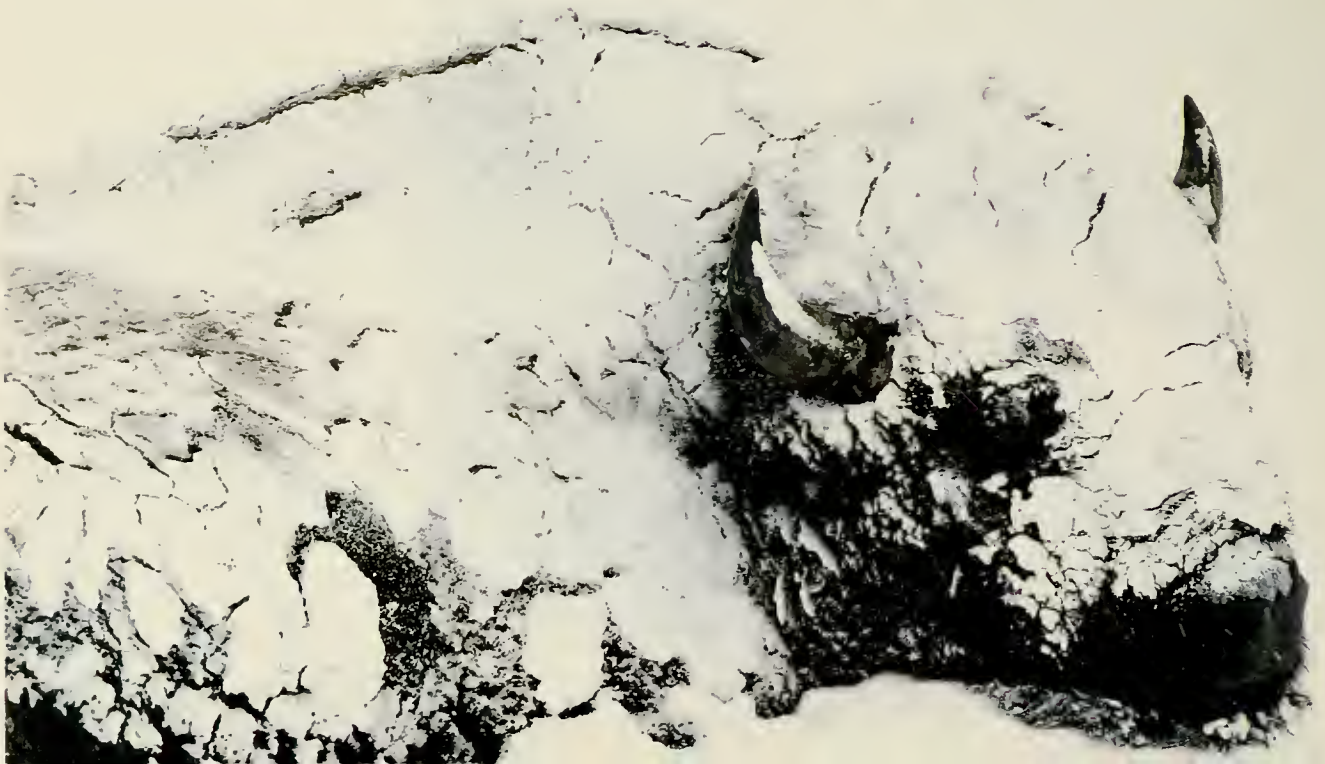


Lewisia: Steve Wirt



Bison: Michael H. Francis

Moose: Dan and Cindy Hartman





Bugling elk: Conrad Rowe

"It is said in the last report of the Game Warden that since the creation of his office, 'more arrests and successful prosecutions of game violations have been made than in the whole previous history of the Territory and State,' and the claim is made that large game has been more plentiful this season than for the past ten years, a fact due in a great measure to the vigilance of that officer and his deputies."

Governor Joseph K. Toole
Message to the Eighth Montana Legislature
January 5, 1903



Bowman Lake, Glacier National Park: George Wuerthner



Bitterroot Mountains: Charles B. Place III

"...The time has arrived for us as a people to stop and take an inventory of our natural resources; to observe their rapid consumption and to devise means to prevent the unnecessary and wasteful use of the past and present. In no other way can the duty we owe to ourselves and to posterity be discharged."

Governor Edwin L. Norris
Message to the 11th Montana Legislature
1909



Great horned owl: David L. McGee



Grizzly bear: Lee Kaiser

"Our State is rich in resources but not in ready money...."

Governor Sam V. Stewart
Message to the 13th Montana Legislature
1913

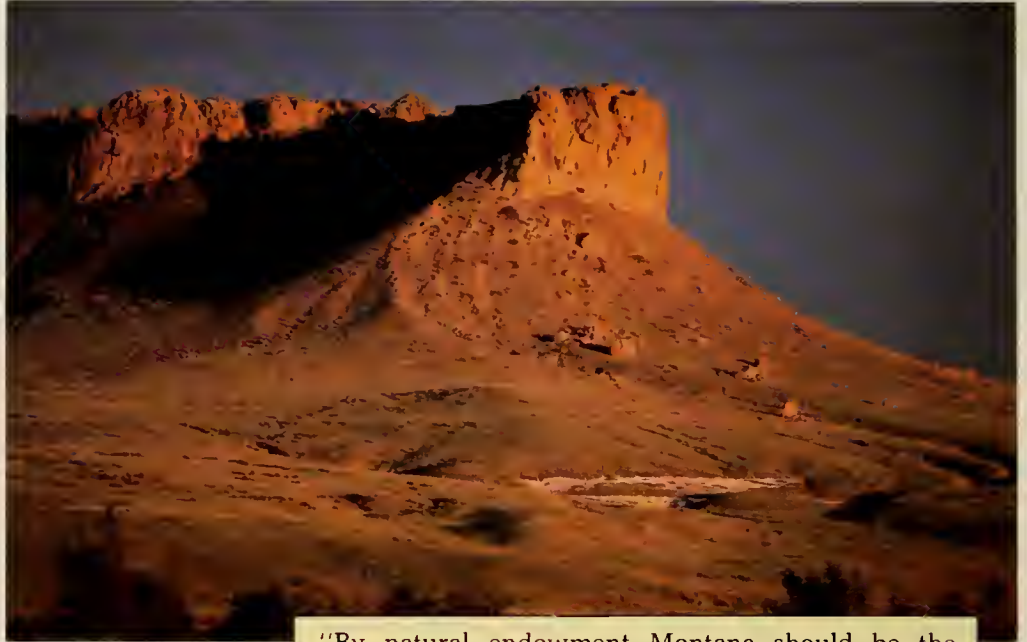


Black-tailed prairie dog: Michael H. Francis
(following page) Winter at Polebridge: Diane Ensign



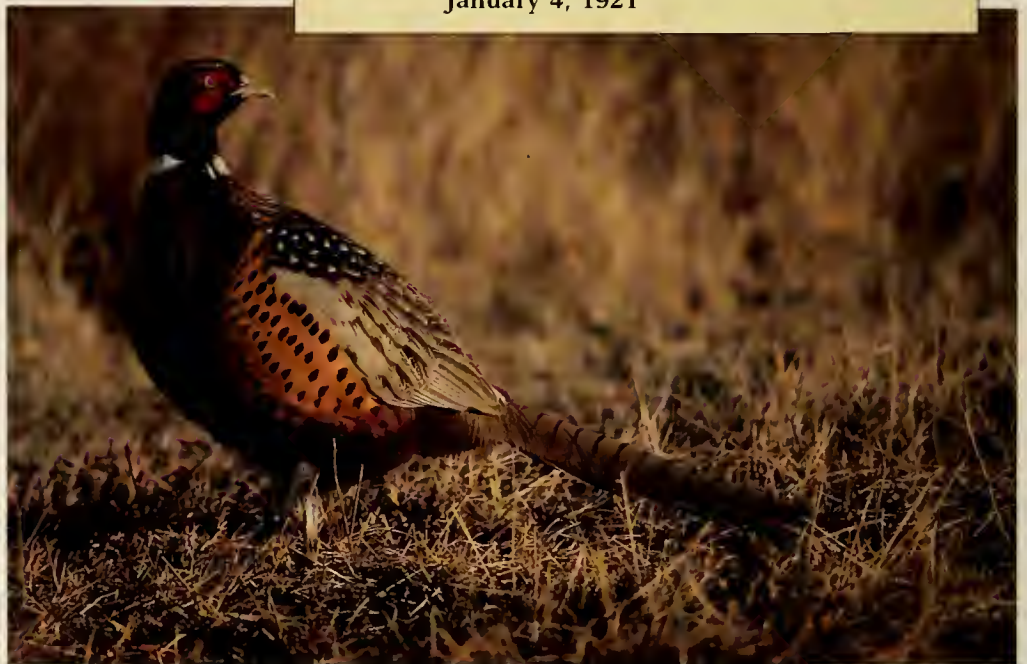


Sunset near Winnett: Mark Alan Wilson



"By natural endowment Montana should be the sportsman's paradise of the nation. The proper conservation and propagation of our wild life should bring not only recreation, but also great economic yearly returns to the people of the state...."

Governor Joseph M. Dixon
Message to the 17th Montana Legislature
January 4, 1921



Ring-necked pheasant: Richard Mousel
Black bear: Keith Szafranski





Lake McDonald, Glacier National Park: Betty MacDavid



Canada goose: Lee Kaiser

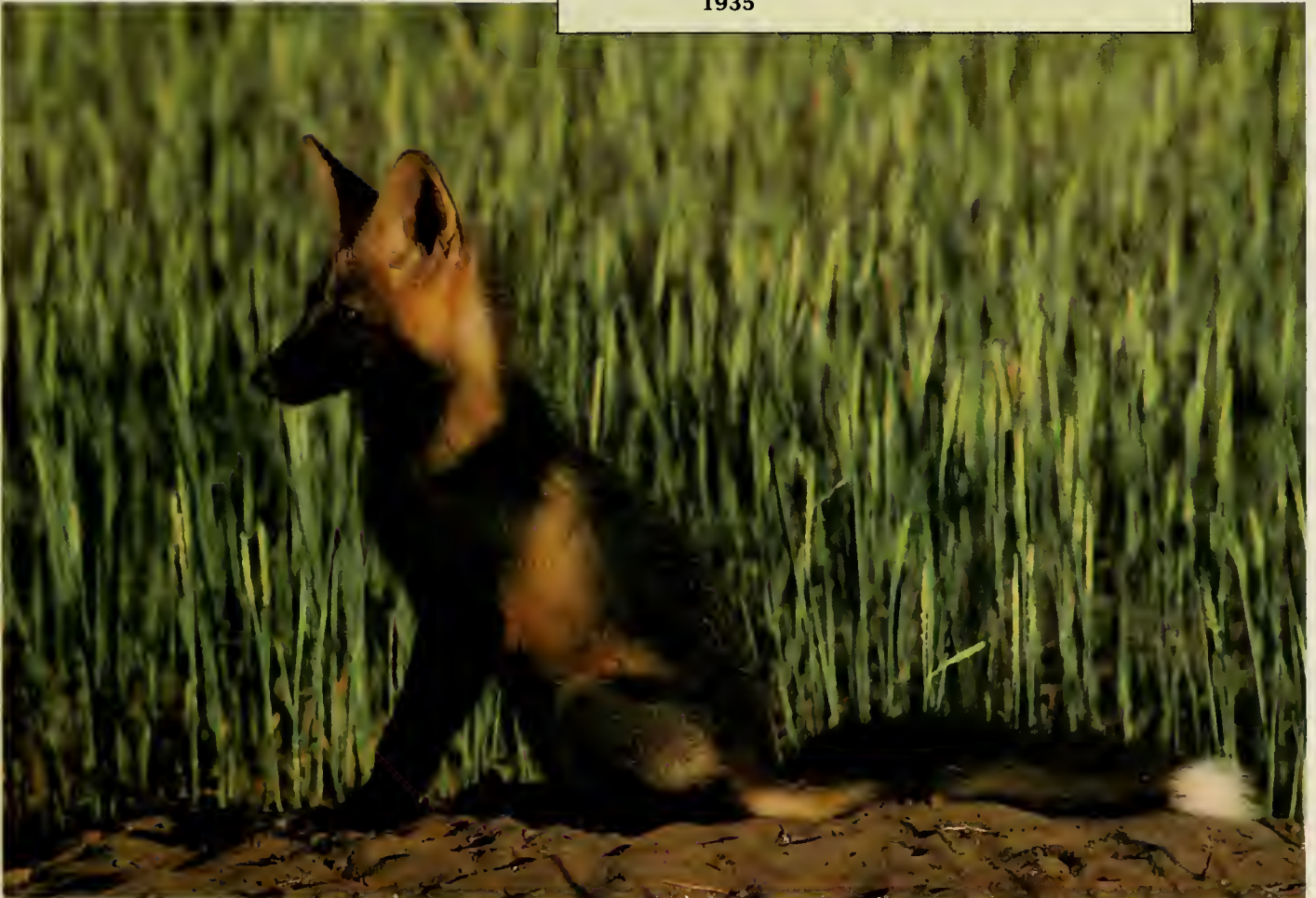
"Outdoor recreation and wild life are receiving more of the attention of the people than ever before. Our still abundant supply of Fish and Game is one of the great resources of the State and their protection and conservation are matters of vital importance...."

Governor John E. Erickson
Message to the 19th Montana Legislature
January 6, 1925



"For more than forty years it has been my firm conviction that next to its sturdy, industrious citizenry the greatest asset of the State of Montana is its abundant water supply. It is my greatest ambition to inaugurate and carry out a program for the conservation of the waters of the State...."

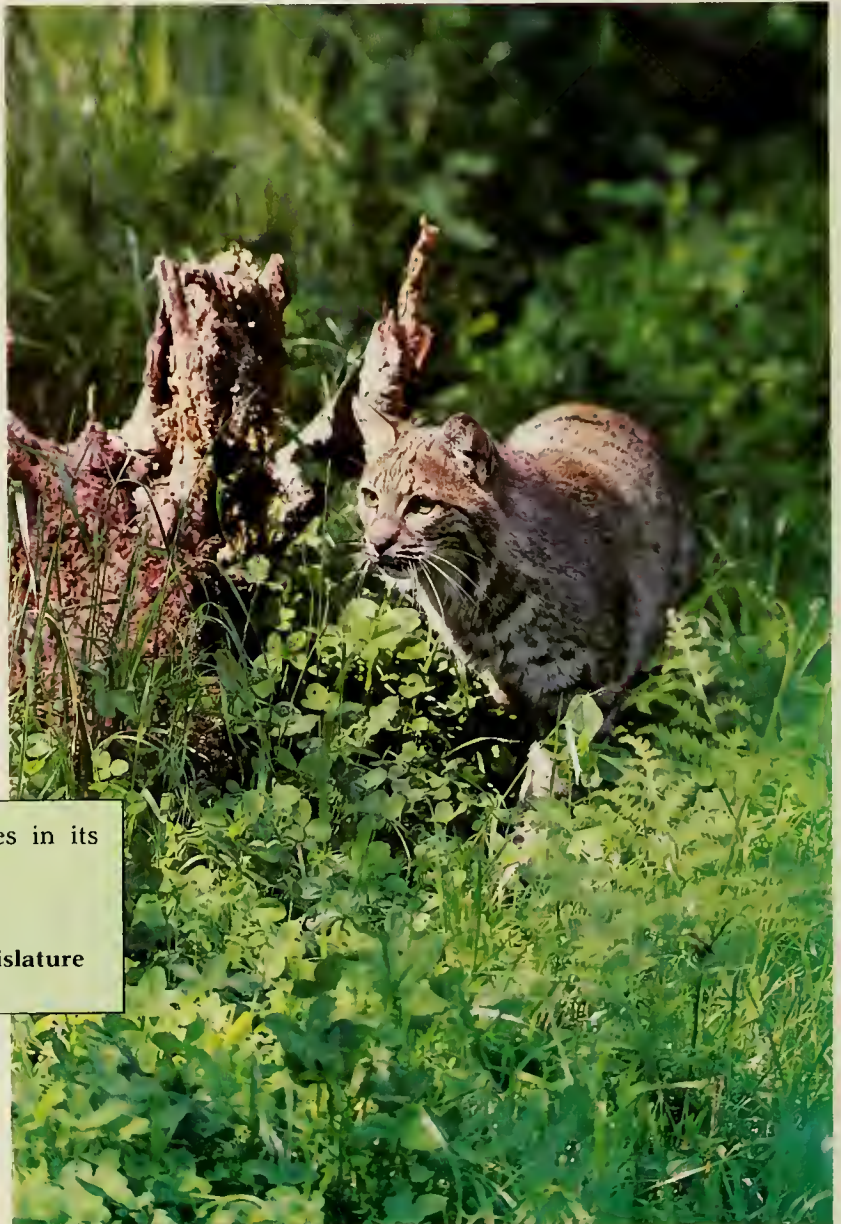
Governor Frank H. Cooney
Message to the 24th Montana Legislature
1935



Cross fox: Richard Mousel
Mountain goat kid: Mark and Jennifer Miller



Rufous hummingbird: Alan G. Nelson



"Montana has one of the greatest heritages in its wild-life in the entire United States...."

Governor Sam C. Ford
Message to the 28th Montana Legislature
1943

Bobcat: Mike Logan



Porcupine: Rodney Schlecht

"...Montana truly is the Treasure State....

"Our water, our minerals, our timber, our magnetic scenery—these are the assets we must conserve wisely and develop soundly."

Governor J. Hugo Aronson
Message to the 33rd Montana Legislature
1953



Glacier National Park: Diane Ensign

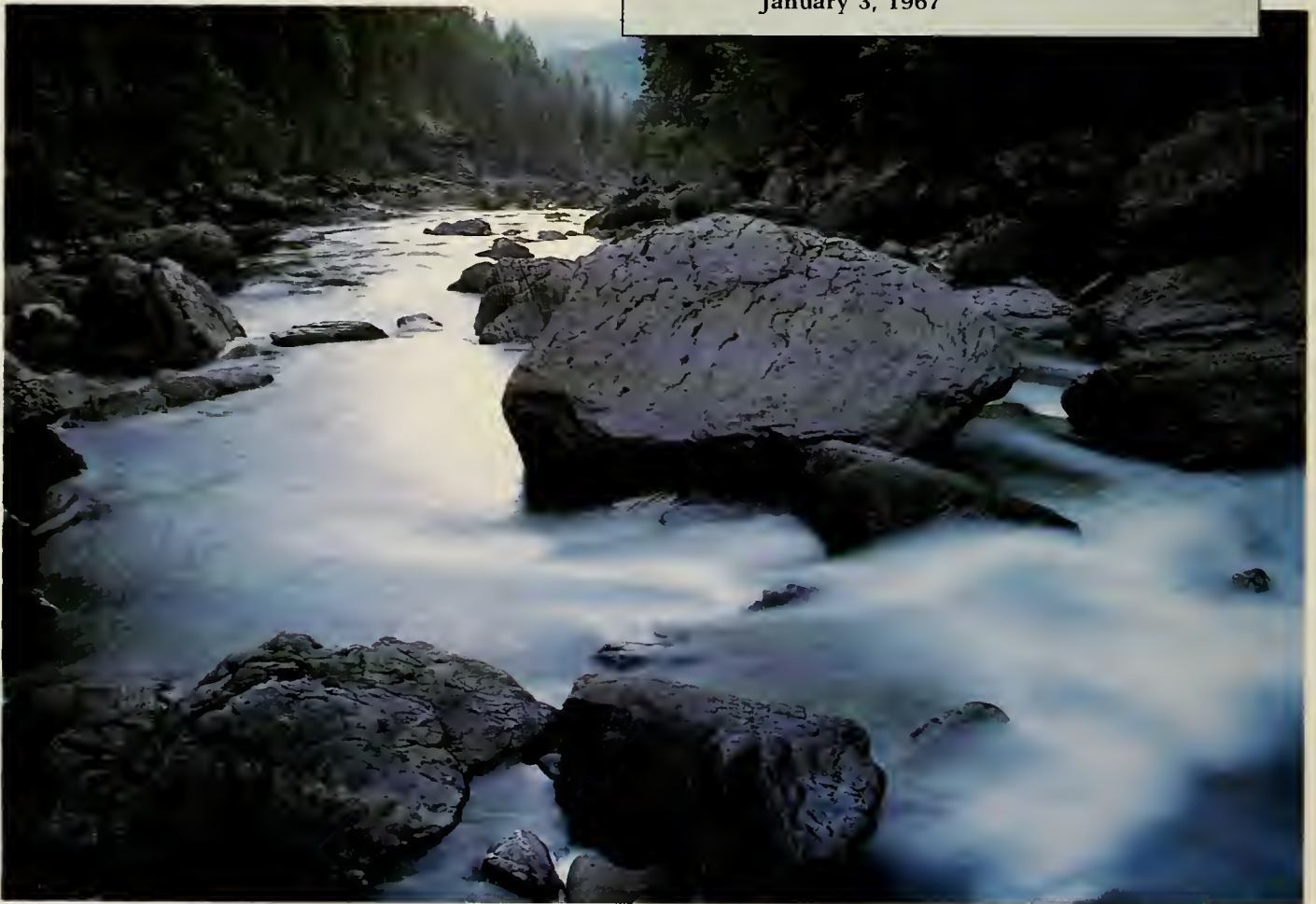


Great blue herons: Raleigh Meade (top photo), David L. McGee (bottom photo)



"Nothing is more vital to a modern economy than water. No source will play a more important role in Montana's future."

Governor Tim Babcock
State of the State Message
to the 40th Montana Legislature
January 3, 1967



Yaak River: Wayne Mumford
Bald eagle: Mike Logan



"It is our responsibility to hold the unique environment of this state in trust for our children and their children.

"We will be the greatest fools in the history of Montana if we fail to provide for the preservation of our air, water and land.

"Time will not excuse us because we didn't know. We are all aware of the environmental destruction that has occurred in other parts of the country. The nation's rivers are becoming a continental sewage system. City skies are hung with acrid shrouds of smog. And natural landscapes have been torn up and replaced by stark concrete horizons.

"We cannot allow this to happen in Montana."

Governor Forrest H. Anderson
State of the State Message
to the 42nd Montana Legislature
January 5, 1971

Wood duck: Joe Mac Hudspeth, Jr.





Woollybear caterpillar: Kristi DuBois

Bee on cattail: John Ashley





American avocet with chick: Keith Szafranski

"Our horizon is no longer distant. It lies immediately before us—in the faces of our children, in the streams that today run clear, in the land that gives sustenance to an undernourished world. We stand today ready to act, fully mindful of the wealth of our natural resources, as well as their limits.

"A century ago, a perceptive Crow Indian chief described Montana as the 'right place.' 'Everything good,' he said, 'is to be found here.' "

Governor Thomas L. Judge
State of the State Message
to the 45th Montana Legislature
January 5, 1977



Black-necked stilt: Keith Szafranski



Mallard hen: Rodney Schlecht



Ring-billed gull: Donald M Jones

"Montana needs growth and Montanans need jobs, but economic progress comes from expanding the economy in harmony with our surroundings. Environmental sanity and economic development are not incompatible—progress and protection can, and must, be our dual objective."

Governor Ted Schwinden
State of the State Message
to the 47th Montana Legislature
January 9, 1981



Young northern harriers: John Ashley

